

I. AMENDMENTS

This listing of claims replaces all previous versions.

1. (Currently amended) A process for making a fruit and/or vegetable derived topical composition comprising the steps of:
 - a) preparing a pulp from one or more fruit(s) and/or vegetable(s);
 - b) heating said fruit and/or vegetable pulp up to a temperature in the range of about 40°C to ~~100°C~~ 70°C;
 - c) mixing between about 1 and 40% w/w of a base having a pK_a of less than 11 with the heated fruit and/or vegetable pulp of step (b) whilst said pulp has a temperature in the range specified in step (b) to form a mixture; andthereby obtaining a topical composition.
2. (Currently amended) The process of claim 1 further including a step of d) filtering the ~~composition~~ mixture to make a filtrate and a residue.
3. (Currently amended) The process of claim 2, further including a step of freezing and thawing the ~~composition~~ mixture prior to filtering.
4. (Previously presented) The process of claim 1, further including a step of beating the mixture following addition of the base in step (c).
5. (Previously presented) The process of claim 1 wherein the mixture obtained in step (c) has a pH in the range of about 7.5 to about 9.5.
6. (Currently amended) A fruit and/or vegetable derived topical composition ~~prepared according to a process comprising~~ obtainable from the process of claim 1.
7. (Currently amended) The fruit and/or vegetable derived topical composition of claim 6 having a pH in the range of about 7.5 to about 9.5.
8. - 11. (Canceled).

12. (Currently amended) A method of treating ~~a wound~~ an ulcer in a patient comprising topically administering to the area of the ~~wound~~ ulcer in said patient an effective amount of the topical composition of claim 6.

13. (Canceled).

14. (Currently amended) A method of prophylactically treating a patient susceptible to the occurrence of ~~sores~~ ulcers comprising:

- a) identifying an area in said patient susceptible to development of ~~a sore~~ an ulcer;
- b) topically administering to the susceptible area in said patient an effective amount of the topical composition of claim 6, so as to prevent or reduce the occurrence or reduce the severity of ~~sores~~ ulcers in said patient.

15. - 19. (Canceled).

20. (Currently amended) The topical composition of claim 6, wherein the one or more fruit(s) and/or vegetable(s) comprises paw paw.

21. (Canceled).

22. (Canceled).

23. (Currently amended) The process of claim 22 1, wherein the fruit and/or vegetable pulp is heated to a temperature in the range of about 50°C to 60°C.

24. (Currently amended) The process of claim 22 1, wherein the one or more fruit(s) and/or vegetable(s) comprises paw paw.

25. (Previously presented) The process of claim 23, wherein the one or more fruit(s) and/or vegetable(s) comprises paw paw.

26. (Canceled).

27. (Currently Amended) The process of claim 1, wherein the base comprises a bicarbonate ~~and/or a carbonate~~.

28. - 29. (Canceled).

30. (Currently amended) The process of claim [[1]] 27, wherein the amount of bicarbonate added is about 3% to 14% w/w.
31. (Canceled).
32. (Previously presented) The process of claim 30, wherein the one or more fruit(s) and/or vegetable(s) comprises paw paw.
33. - 62. (Canceled).
63. (Currently amended) A fruit and/or vegetable derived topical composition obtainable from the process of claim 4.
64. (Currently amended) The fruit and/or vegetable derived topical composition of claim 63 having a pH in the range of about 7.5 to about 9.5.
65. (Previously presented) The method of claim 12, wherein the one or more fruit(s) and/or vegetable(s) comprises paw paw.
66. (Canceled).
67. (Previously presented) The method of claim 14, wherein the one or more fruit(s) and/or vegetable(s) comprises paw paw.
68. (New) The process of claim 27, wherein the one or more fruit(s) and/or vegetable(s) comprises paw paw.
69. (New) A fruit and/or vegetable derived topical composition produced by the process of claim 2.
70. (New) A fruit and/or vegetable derived topical composition produced by the process of claim 3.